

## Favorable Action Expected March 18 On Lynch-Law Bill

New York, March 21.—The first hurdle on the road to getting the Federal anti-lynching bill to the floor of the Senate was passed Wednesday, March 13 when the Senate Judiciary sub-committee reported the bill out favorably, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People said today.

There is every indication that the bill will be reported out favorably to the full Senate Judiciary committee on Monday, March 18, according to Walter White executive secretary of the association.

Mr. White made the statement while commenting on the final hearings held on the bill by the Senate Judiciary sub-committee March 12 and 13. Within a few minutes after the close of the hearings the sub-committee brought in a report showing a 5 to 1 vote in favor of the bill. Sen. Connally (Texas) was the only dissenter.

Shortly after the hearings closed Mr. White had a conference with Senator Henry F. Ashurst, chairman of the Senate Judiciary committee, in whose hands the bill is now placed.

Senator Ashurst pledged full support for the bill and gave definite assurance that it would be reported out favorably when the full committee meets on Monday.

Members of the Senate sub-committee who voted for the bill were: Frederick Van Nuys, (D-Indiana), chairman; Matthew Neely, (D-W. Va.); Warren R. Austin (R-Vt.); Alexander Wiley, (R-Wis.); and Pat McCarran, (D-Nev.).

The assistant Attorney General of Tennessee and an elderly white lawyer named Hardison from Kentucky testified against the bill on the first day, as witnesses for Senator Connally.

On Wednesday, March 13, the last day of the hearing Connally himself testified. He placed in the record two letters from Mrs. Jessie Daniel Adams, president of the Southern National Association for the Prevention of Lynchings, and a letter from a white ex-convict who attempted to minimize the importance of the testimony given by the Rev. Gresham Marmon, assistant rector of the Protestant Episcopal St. Albans, Washington, D. C. The Rev. Mr. Marmon a native of Texas had testified for the bill at the first hearing held on Feb. 7. He told how he had unsuccessfully attempted to stop a mob from lynching two Negro youths in Engle Lake, Tex.

Obvious chagrin and annoyance were shown by Connally when one of his witnesses, Atty. Hardison, interrupted the Senator to add to his money that a Sycamore tree stood in his native home town in Kentucky, mute testimony to the lynching of ten men, all of whom were white. Apparently the witness did not realize that this piece of testimony gave support for the passage of the bill.

### Seeks Re-Election To Legislature



FLEMING A. JONES, JR.

Fleming A. Jones, Jr., well-known colored attorney of Welch announces his candidacy as member of the House of Delegates to succeed himself. He is seeking his fourth term.

In the past sessions of the legislature he has been a member of several important committees, namely: member of the committee on education federal relations, judiciary medicine, and sanitation and military affairs.

He was chairman of the committee on military affairs being the first Negro ever appointed chairman of a major committee in any legislature.

While serving in the legislature he sponsored much legislation for the benefit of the Negroes of the state. He has a report of being present at two regular sessions of the legislature and two extraordinary sessions, and has never missed a roll-call.

He has a hundred per cent record for labor, having voted and fought for every bill which was sponsored by labor.

Among his achievements in the state legislature was the approval of an act creating a 4-H camp for Negroes; was co-sponsor of an act establishing a Negro National Guard for the state.

He is thoroughly qualified to represent McDowell county, and asks the vote of each and every Democratic voter in the May primary. And truly a race man.

### KOPPERS STORES' EASTER LINE IS MOST EXCELLENT

Take advantage of Koppers Easter specials—in foods, wearing apparel, household goods, custom jewelry, potted plants, cut flowers and candy.

An added feature of this many-services organization is that it will telegraph flowers anywhere. Connally also placed into the record a press release from the NAACP urging citizens to bring pressure on their senators to vote for cloture in order to prevent a filibuster when the bill comes out on the senate floor for a vote.

### Esso Representative and Mine Extension Official Visit Here

The Hon. James A. (Billboard) Jackson, Esso representative from New York City, who travel in the interests of the Esso people all over the U. S., made a brief visit here Wednesday. He was accompanied by Mr. Lee A. Tony, director of Mine Extension in W. Va. We were quite happy to see these distinguished gentlemen and to talk over a few pleasant past happenings.

### PRES. DAVIS OF W. VA. STATE VISITS McDOWELL COUNTY

President John W. Davis, of the West Virginia State college, talked with a group of graduates from all sections of Mercer and McDowell counties in the Memorial building at Kimball on Wednesday. He did not term his discourse an address but just a good old-fashioned family get-together. The school centennial was his theme. They say a good teacher is one that provokes thought. He certainly then is par excellence. He was accompanied by Messrs. Jones and McCarthy, sophomore and senior of W. Va. State college.

At the conclusion of his address the body formed an organization to function with the W. Va. State College group in putting over the centennial program.

They are as follows:  
John Franklin, President; J. Livasy, V-Pres.; Miss Vivian Robinson Rec. Secretary; Miss Lena Board, Cor. Sec.; Mrs. Josephine Woody, Treasurer; Mrs. Geneva Walker, Parliamentarian.

**By-Law Committee**  
Maceo Carr chairman, Northfork; Mrs. Mae Stuart Northfork; Theodore Morris, Elkhorn; Mrs. P. Scales, Kimball; Miss Christine Johnson, Bluffield.

**Steering Committee**  
Jack Wilkerson, Chmn. Gary; Mrs. M. T. Whittle, Keystone; Mrs. Nora Young, Excelsior; Miss Althea Allen, Bluffield; Mervin Enders, Northfork; Miss M. Anthony, Bramwell; Mrs. Lenora Scott Byers, Welch.

Dr. Davis stopped over-night with the Dr. J. E. Brown family. Thursday morning he visited the McDowell Times office and editor then called to see Atty. Calhoun, from there he left for W. Va. State college.

**Clinton Grapes Black**  
Clinton grapes are black, but the skins have a bluish cast, due to wax.

### Henry F. Mann, Democrat, Out for Delegate's Nomination



Mr. Henry F. Mann, of Hinton, recently filed as Delegate to the National Democratic Convention. Mr. Mann has long been a loyal supporter of his party and

### KIMBALL HIGH TO PRESENT CANTATA SUNDAY

On Sunday afternoon at 4:30 at the Presbyterian church the students of the Music Department of Kimball high school, with 61 voices will present "The Seven Last Words of Christ." The cantata is being given at 4:30 o'clock in the afternoon so as not to interfere with regular church services in any church. If you wish to enjoy an afternoon of joy, and make your Easter Sunday mean much more to you, attend the services at the Presbyterian church Sunday afternoon 4:30 o'clock. A silver offering will be lifted.

### Death of White Barber Brings Federal Probe of Georgia Klan

Atlanta, Ga., March 21.—More than 18 persons, Negro and white, are said to have been the victims of floggings during the last few years perpetrated by members of the Ku Klux Klan and vigilantes bent on meting out their own special brand of "ice," according to testimony placed in the hands of the county grand jury here Thursday, Mar. fourteenth.

The report to the grand jury followed an investigation into the death of Ike Gaston, a white barber, whose badly bruised body was found in the woods of South Fulton county near here more than a week ago. On Monday the Federal government joined forces with local officials in investigating the long series of outrages against local persons who have feared to talk until now.

### Sweeney Completes Tour of State At Webster Springs

State Senator Thomas Sweeney of Wheeling, when he arrived at Webster Springs last Friday, March 15th, completed a tour of the state that has taken him into all 55 counties in the interest of his candidacy for the United States Senate.

He has visited approximately 3200 Republican friends, he stated, and is now ready to launch his speaking campaign. He is willing, he said, to talk to audiences—large or small, near or far—wherever politically interested persons may gather.

lost his candidacy in 1932 by but 52 votes. His active interest in the Democratic National Conventions has been evidenced by the fact of his attendance to the Baltimore Convention in 1912, when the late Woodrow Wilson was nominated. Again he attended the Chicago convention in 1932, when President Roosevelt was nominated. Mr. Mann was the first Delegate who announced his candidacy in support of President Roosevelt in 1932, and is now running on the same platform to support the President or any other candidate Mr. Roosevelt endorses.

Mr. Mann is an employee of the Chesapeake and Ohio railroad company at Hinton and is an active member of various labor organizations, including the Brotherhood of Railroad trainmen and the Railroad Yardmasters of America.

## Marian Anderson's Capital City Concert To Be A Gala Event

### HARRY R. PAULEY ANNOUNCES FOR LEGISLATURE; HAS GOOD RECORD THERE

Harry R. Pauley, well-known young business man of Iaeger, today announced his candidacy for the Democratic nomination to succeed himself as a member of the legislature.

Mr. Pauley filed notice of his candidacy in the Circuit clerk's office a couple days ago and is making his formal bid for support elsewhere in this issue of the Times.

Mr. Pauley is completing his second term as a member of the House of Delegates from McDowell county, having first been elected in 1936, and was reelected in 1938.

### Seeks Re-Election



HARRY R. PAULEY  
Who is announcing his candidacy for re-election as a member of the House of Delegates from McDowell County.

In each session of the legislature he was assigned to several of the most important committees and at the 1939 session he was chairman of the mines and mining committee which is one of the most important, particularly from the standpoint of McDowell county.

In addition, he was a member of the Judiciary committee, which is made up largely of lawyers and it is seldom a layman is thus honored.

If nominated and elected, Mr. Pauley may become speaker of the House. That honor and influential position usually goes to one who has served two or more terms, and Mr. Pauley has many friends throughout the state who are boosting him for the position.

Many times during the past session Mr. Pauley was called to the chair to preside in the temporary absence of the speaker. His friends point out he is well qualified for the position.

In the past Mr. Pauley has taken his committee assignments seriously, and has been a hard worker in the legislature and faithful in attendance at its sessions.

It was frequently remarked that "Harry is a hundred per cent for McDowell county."

"Still 100 per cent for McDowell county," has been adopted as his slogan for this campaign.

He is a native of McDowell county, having been born at Keystone in 1907, was educated in the public schools of the county and at Iaeger high school. He was engaged in the well drilling business with his father until his appointment two years ago as an inspector for the



MARIAN ANDERSON

### U.S. Supreme Court Stops Execution of Dave Canty in Alabama

Washington, D. C., March 20.—Without hearing oral arguments the United States Supreme Court on Monday March 11, reversed an Alabama Supreme Court decision which had affirmed conviction and death sentence of Dave Caty, 2666, Negro youth accused of murdering a white nurse in Montgomery Ala. Mar. 19, 1938.

Basing its order on the now famous Lincoln day decision handed down last February 12 in the Florida torture case, the high court for the second time within a month, specifically denied the validity of confession obtained through torture. The Court thus again reaffirmed the Fourteenth Amendment to the Constitution, which guarantees every citizen accused of crime, the right of a fair trial.

**A Death Suggests A Law**  
A few days ago there died a filling station owner on the Clarksburg-Charleston highway who deserves a memorial in the form of a state statute which we venture to outline for some ambitious legislator. Deceased was known to many discriminating automobilists who traveled that particular road and who believed drivers should keep sober. He would not sell gasoline to a drink ing driver and more than once he detained an intoxicated autoist long enough to get a cop on his trail and once took charge of a high public official who needed time to sober up. His friends claim he prevented many motor accidents—maybe saved many lives. He was a native West Virginia farmer who set up a filling station when the new road plowed through his place. He retained his farmer-sense.

This man's policy might well be made the law of the land.

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Workmen's Compensation commission for the district embracing several southern West Virginia counties.

Marian Anderson, "the greatest living singer," the first concert artist in the history of the United States to be given government cooperation for a public performance will present one of her remarkable recitals in Charleston, West Virginia on April twenty-eighth.

Miss Anderson's free open-air concert on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, D. C., attended by cabinet members, Supreme court Justices, Senators, and numerous other public officials was the culmination of the controversy which raged about the race discrimination of the Daughters of the American Revolution who barred the doors of Constitution Hall to the Negro contralto, causing Mrs. Roosevelt to resign from the organization.

The First Lady of the nation soon after invited the First Lady of the concert world to sing for the King and Queen of England when Royalty visited the White House last June.

Miss Anderson, who has been decorated by many of the monarchs of Europe, has lately been honored in her own country. She was awarded the Spingarn medal at Howard university in Washington conferred upon her a Doctorate of Music.

The great singer has weathered this shower of laurels with her customary grace and dignity, borne with modesty the cynosure of the international eye, and continued to perform on her lengthy and taxing tours to unceasing critical homage.

Her appearance here is part of her fifth consecutive season in the United States. Last year she gave seventy-five concerts in less than six months topping her own previous record - breaking mark of seventy, the longest and most intensive itinerary in concert singing history.

As ever, Miss Anderson's tour is being supervised by America's foremost impresario, S. Hurok.

### JUDGE MILLER ROUNDS OUT FIRST WEEK OF SPEAKING

Alderson March 15. — Judge Lewis H. Miller rounded out the first speaking week of his campaign for the Republican gubernatorial nomination here last night advocating a sound "pay as you go road program."

"Unless we adopt this sounder economic policy," the prominent Ripley Jurist told a large Monroe county gathering, "We shall soon find ourselves in debt much to even maintain the system of roads we have already built."

Two nights earlier at Oceana, Judge Miller called upon Wyoming county Republicans to rid in the drive to end New Deal liberalism, the two per cent club and political servitude for the teaching profession.